



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 477

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF OPTIONAL SERVICES
UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-28e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

3 [Not later than September 30, 2002, the Commissioner of Social
4 Services shall submit an amendment to the Medicaid state plan to
5 implement the provisions of public act 02-1 of the May 9 special
6 session* concerning optional services under the Medicaid program.]
7 The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid state
8 plan to include as optional services covered under the Medicaid
9 program (1) services provided by a chiropractor licensed under
10 chapter 372, a natureopath licensed under chapter 373, a podiatrist
11 licensed under chapter 375, a psychologist licensed under chapter 383,
12 an optometrist licensed under chapter 380, an audiologist licensed
13 under chapter 399, a speech pathologist licensed under chapter 399
14 and an optician licensed under chapter 381, (2) hospice services, and
15 (3) personal care assistance services. Said state plan amendment shall
16 supersede any regulations of Connecticut state agencies concerning
17 such optional services.

18 Sec. 2. Section 17b-282a of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

20 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services, to the extent permitted by
21 federal law, shall amend the Medicaid state plan to provide coverage
22 for general anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services provided
23 in conjunction with dental services, provided such anesthesia, nursing
24 and related hospital services are provided in conjunction with in-
25 patient dental services if the following conditions are met:

26 (1) The anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services are deemed
27 medically necessary by the treating dentist or oral surgeon and the
28 patient's primary care physician in accordance with the department's
29 requirements for prior authorization of services, if required; and

30 (2) The patient is either (A) a child under the age of four who is
31 determined by a licensed dentist, in conjunction with a licensed
32 physician who specializes in primary care, to have a dental condition
33 of significant dental complexity that it requires certain dental
34 procedures to be performed in a hospital, or (B) a person who has a
35 developmental disability, as determined by a licensed physician who
36 specializes in primary care, that places the person at serious risk. The
37 expense of such anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services shall
38 be deemed a medical expense under such health insurance policy and
39 shall not be subject to any limits on dental benefits under such policy.

40 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, shall amend the Medicaid
41 state plan, to provide coverage to the extent permitted by federal law,
42 for screening and treatment of periodontal disease for pregnant
43 women under the Medicaid program.

44 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Commissioner of Social
45 Services shall apply for a Medicaid Research and Demonstration
46 Waiver under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act in order to
47 establish a demonstration project for the provision of home-based
48 telemonitoring services by not more than three licensed home health
49 care agencies who contract with the Department of Social Services to
50 provide home health care services to Medicaid program beneficiaries.
51 The demonstration project shall be designed to promote the efficient,

52 appropriate and cost-effective delivery of home health care services to
 53 persons with chronic medical conditions, including, but not limited to,
 54 diabetes. Home-based telemonitoring services available under the
 55 demonstration project shall utilize technology to enhance collaboration
 56 and communication between the recipient of the services and the home
 57 health care professionals providing services to such recipient. Not later
 58 than July 1, 2007, the commissioner shall report, in accordance with
 59 section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the status of the demonstration
 60 project to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
 61 having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
 62 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	17b-28e
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	17b-282a
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

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